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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 JENNA KASKORKIS and KIM
12 CARTER, individually and on
13 behalf of all others similarly
situated,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 GENERAL NUTRITION
17 CENTERS, INC., a Delaware
18 Corporation; GENERAL
19 HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware
Corporation,

20 Defendants.

Case No.: 16cv990-WQH-AGS

ORDER

21 HAYES, Judge:

22 On August 16, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a motion requesting the Court grant Vanessa
23 Shakib, counsel for Plaintiffs, leave to withdraw her appearance as one of the attorneys of
24 record in this matter. Plaintiffs assert that Shakib has left the firm of Ahdoot & Wolfson,
25 PC. Plaintiffs assert that they will continue to be represented by other attorneys at Ahdoot
26 & Wolfson, PC. (ECF No. 98).

27 An attorney may not withdraw as counsel except by leave of court. *Darby v. City of*
28 *Torrance*, 810 F. Supp. 275, 276 (C.D. Cal. 1992). The Court has discretion to grant or

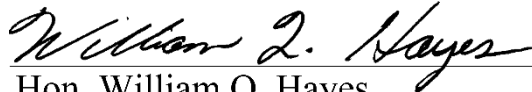
1 deny an attorney's motion to withdraw in a civil case. *See, e.g., Deal v. Countrywide Home*
2 *Loans*, Case No. C 09-01643 SBA, 2010 WL 3702459 at *2 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 15, 2010);
3 *Washington v. Sherwin Real Estate, Inc.*, 694 F.2d 1081, 1087 (7th Cir. 1982). Among
4 other things, courts ruling upon motions to withdraw as counsel have considered,

5 (1) the reasons counsel seeks to withdraw; (2) the possible prejudice that
6 withdrawal may cause to other litigants; (3) the harm that withdrawal might
7 cause to the administration of justice; and (4) the extent to which withdrawal
will delay resolution of the case.

8 *Deal*, 2010 WL 3702459 at *2. After reviewing the record and the reason for withdrawal,
9 the Court concludes that there is good cause to grant the motion to withdraw as counsel.

10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion to withdraw Vanessa Shakib as counsel
11 for Plaintiffs is GRANTED. (ECF No. 98).

12 Dated: August 21, 2018

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14 Hon. William Q. Hayes
15 United States District Court
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